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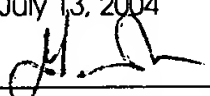
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In re application of: Bakker et al.
Serial No.: 09/577,306
Filed: May 24, 2000
For: Process and Apparatus for Production of a Frozen Food Product
Group: 1723
Examiner: D. Sorkin
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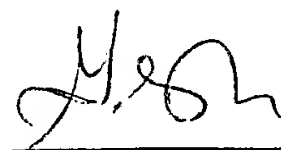
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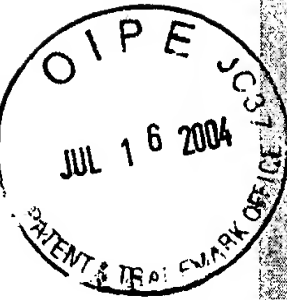
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In response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.